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REFS: (A) STATE 49329, (B) OSLO 1016 (NOTAL),

(C) 75 USUN 5038 (NOTAL), (D) 75 OSLO 2924 (NOTAL)

1. WE CONCUR IN DEPARTMENT'S ASSESSMENT THAT NORWAY
WILL BE SYMPATHETIC TO US POSITION AND MAY BE COUNTED
ON AS MEMBER OF "CORE GROUP" IN COMMITTEE OF 24.

2. ADDITIONAL ARGUMENTATION PROVIDED PARA 6 REF A MOST
USEFUL. GIVEN FACT THAT ACTIVE ROLE IN UN AFFAIRS
STILL VERY MUCH A CORNERSTONE OF NORWEGIAN FOREIGN
POLICY, WE WOULD SUGGEST INCLUDING THE OBSERVATION
THAT REVERSES IN UN FOR US POLICY ON PUERTO RICO ISSUE
WOULD FURTHER ERODE THE SUBSTANTIAL DECREASE WE HAVE
ALREADY WITNESSED IN AMERICAN PUBLIC SUPPORT OF UN.

3. IF MOTION TO EXCLUDE FURTHER REVIEW OF PR BY
COMMITTEE OF 24 FAILS AND FURTHER ACTION BECOMES

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NECESSARY, WE WOULD HOPE FOR MAXIMUM IMPACT THROUGH
PROMPT INSTRUCTION AUTHORIZING DEMARCHE IN OSLO AT

LEVEL OF FOREIGN MINISTER.

4. AS NOTED IN REF B, NORWAY'S UN MISSION, LED BY PERMREP ALGARD AND DCM VRAALSEN, IS OF HIGH CALIBER AND ESPECIALLY INFLUENTIAL IN OSLO. WE THEREFORE BELIEVE INVITATION TO NORWEGIAN PERMREP AND/OR DEPUTY PERMREP (RATHER THAN NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON) TO VISIT PUERTO RICO COULD PROVE BENEFICIAL AND WE DOUBT THAT NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD OBJECT.

5. USUN REPORTED (REF C) THAT VRAALSEN DISPLAYED KEEN INTEREST PLAYING ACTIVE ROLE IN COMMITTEE OF 24, ASPIRED TO VICE CHAIRMANSHIP OF COMMITTEE AND THOUGHT "ROLLING BACK CUBA" WAS FINE IDEA. AN UPDATE ON PRESENT OR PRESPECTIVE ROLE FOR VRAALSEN ON PUERTO RICO ISSUE WOULD BE HELPFUL TO US IN IMPLEMENTING ANY FUTURE INSTRUCTIONS.
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